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## **SPRINGFIELD MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING MARIJUANA, ILLEGAL FIREARM**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Springfield man was sentenced in federal court for possessing marijuana and an illegal firearm.

**Travis Eastburn**, 31, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr on Oct. 4, 2004, to nine years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On June 2, 2004, **Easburn** pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute marijuana. By pleading guilty, **Eastburn** admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute marijuana on Aug. 7, 2002, in Greene County, Mo. **Eastburn** also that he was in possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug offense. **Eastburn** admitted that he also was in possession of a Phoenix Arms, Raven, .25-caliber pistol on Aug. 7, 2002, in Greene County.

**Eastburn** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 10, 2003, in Springfield.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney James J. Kelleher. This case was investigated by the Springfield, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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